

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2026

No. 16

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

### CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT  
**"Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ,  
we exist to worship, grow, and serve."**

PRELUDE Douglas Chaplow

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #147  
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881  
The Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

EARTH DAY COMMISSIONING/PASTORAL PRAYER  
Glen Squire

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

OFFERTORY/ANNOUNCEMENT  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

† DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Genesis 1:1-31; Matthew 6, Selected Verses  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
"The Canopy of Creation"

† RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #175  
"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

† BLESSING Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

† POSTLUDE Douglas Chaplow

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

† WORSHIP SONG "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

† WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

† WORSHIP SONG "I Will Sing"  
by Alex Taylor

† WORSHIP SONG "This is My Father's World"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM  
Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski  
Laney Jean Stacey

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENT Staff Parish Relations Committee

EARTH DAY COMMISSIONING/PASTORAL PRAYER  
Dan and Kathy Drake

† OFFERTORY HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
Genesis 1:1-31; Matthew 6, Selected Verses

SERMON Rev. Matthew M. Williams  
"The Canopy of Creation"


AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

† WORSHIP SONG "Gratitude"

† WORSHIP SONG "When The Angels Carry Me Home"

† BENEDECTION Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski

*During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station  
by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.*

 We celebrate the baptism of Laney Jean Stacey, daughter of  
Britton Stacey and Haley Stacey, this day, Sunday,  
April 19, 2026.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

LITURGICAL SERVICE  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 a.m.

†Please rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**“Because of God’s love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.”**

PRELUDE

"Fantasmagorie"  
Jehan Alain

Douglas Chaplow

INTROIT

"The Lord of Hosts is With Us"

Daniel Gawthrop

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.  
We gather to praise you!

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,  
And God saw that it was very good.**

We gather to worship our God!

**All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to God! Amen.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Hymnal #147

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal #881

†GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

Hymnal #71

†OPENING PRAYER

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

†SONG OF PEACE

"The First Song of Isaiah"  
**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Candace Duclos, Senior Director of Christian Education

*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.*

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**Crucifer** | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Joe Miller, Betty Miller, Bob Lumsden, Glen Squire, Joe McGlothlin, Jean Glenn, Mason Bennett | **Altar Guild** | Judy Green, Cindy Donelan, Linda Trammel | **Club Car Drivers** | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson

*Call the church office at 850-222-1120 to reserve altar flowers for the Sunday services in the sanctuary.*

ANTHEM	"For the Beauty of the Earth" Chancel Choir	John Rutter
EARTH DAY COMMISSIONING		Dan and Kathy Drake
	<i>Please see insert.</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	Lord in your mercy.	
	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Hymnal #895
PRAYER RESPONSE	"Hear Our Prayer" Chancel Choir	Daniel Gawthrop
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS/ANNOUNCEMENT		Staff Parish Relations Committee
OFFERTORY	"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" Gregory Hilliard, solo	arr. Margaret Bonds
†DOXOLOGY		Hymnal #94
	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>	
	<b>Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Genesis 1:1-31 Matthew 6, Selected Verses	
	The Word of God for the People of God	
	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
SERMON	"The Canopy of Creation"	Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
†RECESSIONAL HYMN	"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"	Hymnal #175
†BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
†CHORAL BENEDICTION	"God Be In My Head" Chancel Choir	Daniel Gawthrop
†POSTLUDE	"Litanies" Jehan Alain	Douglas Chaplow

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*The produce on the altar this morning was harvested in the iGrow Garden,  
which is supported by Trinity's Creation Care Team.*

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Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care  
 Alex Taylor, Contemporary Worship Music Leader | Gregory Hilliard, Director of Traditional Music  
 Douglas Chaplow, Organist

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. Please sign the pew pad to register your attendance. If you're visiting, fill out a Visitor Connect Card or scan the QR code, and on your way out, be sure to see one of our ushers for a small gift to thank you for joining us!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**May we pray for you?** Prayer cards can be found in the Welcome Center and Narthex. Prayer requests are listed by **name** only. Please lift up in prayer...

Jeff Daniels

Ann Reams

Rhonda Work

Wells Poole

## MONTHLY COLLECTION

During April, our Local Missions Committee is collecting shelf-stable food items for ECHO and hygiene items for our Snack Pack Ministry (e.g., travel-size soap, lotion, shaving cream, toothpaste, and deodorant; toothbrushes and disposable razors; pant liners). Donations can be left in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The International Rescue Committee is looking for volunteer drivers to help recently resettled refugees reach essential appointments. Volunteers will serve on an ad hoc basis as schedules allow. Contact [danielfdiaz1@gmail.com](mailto:danielfdiaz1@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

## TRINITY DIRECTORY PORTRAITS

Sign-ups are available after each service to reserve a time to have your photo taken for the Trinity directory. You may also call the church office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## CREATION CARE MOVIE

Creation Care will present the 2024 movie *Feeding Tomorrow* on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. in room 305. The documentary educates on sustainable, plant-forward, and regenerative food systems to inspire healthier, eco-conscious choices. Scan to register.



## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, April 19

8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
9:45 a.m.  
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.

Chapel Service  
Yates Heritage Center Open  
Contemporary Service  
Sunday School  
Liturgical Service  
Youth Praise Band  
UMYF  
Steel Pans  
Sunday Afternoon Bible Study  
Jubilation Bells

### Monday, April 20

9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study  
Snack Pack Distribution  
Centering Prayer

### Tuesday, April 21

9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:10 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

BFC Staying Strong  
BFC Variety Mix  
BFC Flex on the Floor  
Heavenly Chimes  
Celebrate Recovery  
CAJM Nehemiah Action  
Young Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 22

3:30 p.m.  
4:15 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

NETKids  
Richard Andrews' Bible Study  
Dinner  
Yates Heritage Center Open  
Lay Academy - Mahjong\*  
Parenting Village  
Trinity Ringers  
Praise Band  
Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 23

11:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:10 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.

Snack Pack Distribution  
BFC Variety Mix  
BFC Staying Strong  
BFO Pickleball

### Friday, April 24

10:00 a.m.

Friday Study Group

\*Registration is closed.

## SCAN THE QR CODES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT TRINITY



Sunday School



Serving



Fellowship



Giving

### Our Vision

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

### Our Mission

Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.

**Earth Day Commissioning**  
**April 19, 2026**

Dear God, Creator of All,

We give thanks for the beauty of your earth — for those sacred places where we find peace, feel your presence, and are filled with new life and inspiration. In the woods, by the water, in the mountains and across the sands, you are there.

We have felt your call in our souls — a divine spark, a holy tug — calling each of us to seek out your natural places and share their joy with others. To witness the intricate web of life. To remember that we, too, are part of your creation, and deeply dependent upon its health.

We rejoice in Creation Care: the beautiful place where faith and love of nature come together in joyful ministry — connecting people of all ages and backgrounds to grow new life, care for your resources, pursue environmental justice, and grow closer to you and to one another.

Guide us as we take our next steps, whether we are just beginning or have labored long. Remind us that we are not alone — that others have forged this path before us, and that your Spirit moves through all who answer this call.

**Fill us with a hope, love, and inspiration so great, that we have everything we need to succeed in our ministries. And when we get tired, and we will get tired, remind us that your loving embrace in nature is waiting to refill us. Because at such a time as this, we are lucky to be alive and to follow your call for us to be Creation Care leaders. Amen.**